<center>REMARKS</center>

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.
Claims 1-3, 19-22 and 28-30 have been amended to present the claims in better form for
allowance and for possible consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request the
Examiner to accept the proposed amendments. Claims 4-18 and 23-27 have been
cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-3, 19-
22 and 28-30 are presented for examination.

<center>**35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection**</center>

Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 19-22 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as
being unpatentable over Rajasekharan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,480,961 ("Rajasekharan")
in view of Banker, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,005,938 ("Banker").

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method comprising:
predetermining content of a data stream prior to receiving a request for the
        data stream;
generating fingerprint blocks based on the predetermined content of the
        data stream;
transmitting the fingerprint blocks via a first connection prior to receiving
        the request;
receiving the request for the data stream; and
transmitting the data stream in response to the request via a second
        connection, wherein the transmitting of the data stream includes
        simultaneous transmission or delayed transmission.
(emphasis provided)

Rajasekharan discloses a method and apparatus for secure streaming of digital
audio/visual content. Authorization and integrity checks are performed by a client or
playback device on a set of data associated with digital content to be played. The set of
data includes authorization and integrity information for content to be received from the

source. Streamed content is received from the source by the playback device. The streamed content is intermittently checked for authorization and integrity. If the check is passed, playback continues, otherwise playback is halted. (Abstract).

Banker discloses a technique for preventing replay attacks on digital infomraiton distributed by network service provides. Communication is provided between set-top box and head-end or between set-top boxes and the set-top boxes. Also, both EMMs and ECMs are sent as packets of digital data, while service interface may be sent either in digital or analog form (Abstract; col. 6, lines 48-54).

Applicants submit that neither Rajasekharam nor Banker, individually or when combined, teach or reasonably suggest predetermining content of a data stream **prior to** receiving a request for the data stream, generating fingerprint blocks **based on** the predetermined content of the data stream and transmitting the fingerprint blocks via a first connection **prior to** receiving the request as recited by claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 19 and 28 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 28 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
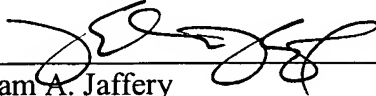
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Respectfully submitted,

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